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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

ERNEST FRANK VANDERWALL

REF: STATE 194199

ALLEGATION OF MISTREATMENT/EXTORTION WHILE IN PRISON.
PER CONSULATE FILES PRISONER WROTE LETTER TO CONOFF,
RECEIVED JULY 5, 1974 ALLEGING "SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE
I'VE BEEN ROBBED OF EVERYTHING I OWNED." HE GOES ON
TO SAY "I HAVE LEARNED THE DIRECTOR IS, AND SO ARE THE
GUARDS, VERY CORRUPT. YOU CAN'T GET ANYTHING YOU CAN'T
PAY FOR. EVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT". SINCE MEXICAN PRISON
SYSTEMS REQUIRES PAYMENT FOR ALL SERVICES IN PRISON AND
STEALING AMONG PRISONERS IS A COMMON PROBLEM THERE IS
LITTLE FEASIBLE ACTION OPEN TO CONSULATE UNDER
CIRCUMSTANCES.

ALLEGATION OF EXTORTION/INACTION BY ATTORNEY.
PER CONSULATE FILE PRISONER ALLEGED HIS EX-ATTORNEY (IVO
AGUIRRE) FIRST WANTED DOLLARS 4,000 AND WAS PAID DOLLARS
2,000. PRISONER SAID LAWYER NOW INSISTING ON DOLLARS
4,000 MORE. PRISONER HAS NO RECEIPT FOR DOLLARS 2,000
PAID AND AT CONOFF LAST VISIT DECEMBER 12, 1975 PRISONER
SAID HE WAS ACCEPTING LOSS AS A LESSON LEARNED. ATTORNEY
DENIES EVER HAVING RECEIVED ANY FEE WHATSOEVER.

PER CONSULATE RECORD MARCH 20, 1975 VANDERWALL HAS BEEN
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SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS AND PESOS 4,000 FINE. PRISONER

HAS APPEALED SENTENCE. BAIL WAS SET AT PESOS 60,000 WHICH
HE COULD NOT OBTAIN. HE BECOMES ELIGIBLE FOR "REBAJA"
AUGUST, 1976.
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